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TO : Chief of Base, Munich
Attn: Operations Division DATE _____
FROM : Chief, IOB INFO: COS, Germany

SUBJECT { GENERAL - DTORIC/OKACTIVE/Operational
SPECIFIC - ☐ Reporting Responsibilities

REFERENCES: A. EGMN-32633, 6 March 1958
B. EGMN-5808, 11 March 1958
C. EGMN-5066, 4 Nov. 1957

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ACTION REQUIRED: Please pass to Hamish.

1. In attachment to reference A, ☐ lists the areas within PECHORD which he regards as having a positive information potential. It also states ☐ view that his present position limits his ability to collect and process positive information, and his suggestions for improving the situation.

2. The attachment was discussed with ☐ on his recent visit to HQ. We are in general agreement that ☐ should be so situated within PECHORD as to have maximum natural access to that information to which HQ attaches major importance, and to be able to process it securely without incurring excessive overtime work. If his present overt position and physical location in PECHORD inhibit the performance of his covert duties, it will be necessary to explore possible remedies.

3. To this end, it is requested that ☐ review the matter with ☐ and forward his recommendations to HQ at the earliest possible date.

4. HQ's interim comments on reference attachment are as follows:

a. As stated in reference B, which apparently crossed reference A, HQ desires that ☐ not concern himself in any way with the 5-Y activity.

b. There appears to be no reason why the daily monitoring reports of Soviet broadcasts cannot be routed to the attention of ☐ and the Audience Research Department in the normal course of activity.

(Releasing officer)

(Coordinating officer)

(Authenticating officer)

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We doubt, however, that [] could contribute more than the current daily telex reporting of this information by PRCHOND to PRAFFIRM, for these reasons: PRAFFIRM mails these daily telexed reports to HQ, but due to slowness of postal communication, they invariably reach HQ after the PRIS reports. Routinely, this is of no consequence because the day-to-day gist contains little of significance as "spot" information that is not available first through overt news media. In urgent situations, like the removals of Malotov, Malenkov & Co., and Sukov, PRAFFIRM relays to HQ by telephone as soon as it is received from PRCHOND the significant information contained in PRCHOND's monitoring reports. Thus, when necessary, HQ has access to such information before it could reach here from PRCHOND via NIS cable channel. If, in view of this explanation, [] has different ideas, we will be glad to hear them.

c. HQ anticipated that [] at his location in the Audience Research Department, would be in the best vantage point for reporting the information in which HQ is most interested, i.e., reports of interviews with Soviet travelers to the West, western visitors to the USSR, defectors and repatriates from the Soviet Union. It is noted in [] comments in Reference A that some of this work is undertaken by the News Department as well as by the Audience Research Department. Closer contact between the two elements in these matters should be arranged so that the Audience Research Department, in the persons of [] is assured prompt access to the News Department's plans and product in this field.

d. Besides reporting, [] has two other principal covert functions: insuring that PRCHOND interviewers are equipped with the necessary guidance to enable them to exploit their sources as fully as possible; and alerting NIS to the availability of certain of these sources for possibly more thorough exploitation. When it is necessary for [] to withhold source identities from PRCHOND channels, [] should report such essential information to HQ through NIS channels as needed.

e. It is noted that much of [] time in discharging his overt functions has been consumed with program evaluation responsibilities. It is recommended that [] look into this with a view to arranging that [] duties be oriented more to the audience research and less to the program evaluation function of this department insofar as this is possible. Reference is made in this connection

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